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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 11-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 11-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on 12/29/05.
2. This application has been reconsidered. Claims 11-29 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hashimoto et al (Hashimoto) (U.S. 5,907,319).

With respect to claims 11, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 29 Hashimoto discloses an image processing apparatus (figure 2) comprising an input unit, adapted to input image data

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(column 4, lines 20-40); a processor, adapted to perform a job based on the image data input by said input unit (column 7, lines 40-52); an operation unit (figure 8), adapted to display an operation screen for the job to be performed by the processor and accept a user operation based on the operation screen (column 10, lines 10-64), an entering unit, adapted to enter a user ID (the Abstract, lines 7-11 and column 12, lines 20-42); and a controller, adapted to change parameters to be displayed on the operation screen of said operation unit based on the user ID entered by said entering unit the parameters being for processing the image data inputted by said input unit and being selectable by a user corresponding to the user ID entered by said entering unit (the abstract and column 12, lines 26-60), and changing a language based on the user ID (the abstract).

Further with respect to claim 23, Hashimoto discloses entering the ID using a card (column 8, lines 53-66).

Further with regard to claim 27, Hashimoto discloses controlling what language is displayed on the screen (column 8, lines 45-63).

With respect to claim 12, Hashimoto discloses the image data is obtained by reading an image of a document (column 4, lines 25-61 and figure 17).

With regard to claim 13, Hashimoto discloses the operation screen is controlled based on the ID of the user (figures 17 and 26 and column 12, lines 61-65).

With respect to claim 16, Hashimoto discloses controlling what language is displayed on the screen (column 8, lines 45-63).

With regard to claim 17, Hashimoto discloses controlling the number of user selectable items to be displayed (the abstract and column 9, lines 10-21).

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With respect to claim 18, Hashimoto discloses controlling the number of screens displayed (simple and standard) (the abstract).

With regard to claim 19, Hashimoto discloses displaying a common screen without user ID (column 10, lines 10-56).

With respect to claims 24 and 25, Hashimoto discloses that after a predetermined time elapses the control unit clears the screen (column 13, lines 14-19).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto in view of Arakawa (U.S. 6,532,077).

With respect to claims 14 and 15, Hashimoto differs from claims 14 and 15 in that he does not clearly disclose sending the print job to a particular destination based on the user ID. Arakawa discloses an image processing system which transmits the image data to a particular destination (column 10, lines 35-46). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Hashimoto wherein the image data is sent to a specified destination. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Hashimoto by the teaching of Arakawa in order to improve the efficiency of the system as disclosed by Arakawa in column 1, lines 66-67.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 8/30/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant submits that Hashimoto does not disclose changing parameters to be displayed based on the user ID entered by the entering unit, the parameters being for processing the image data, and being selectable by the user corresponding to the user ID. The Examiner disagrees. Hashimoto discloses displaying a simple or standard picture (screen) based on a set user code (the abstract). The features that are allowed to be used by each predetermined user are features (parameters) for processing the image data (figure3 8 and 9).

With regard to claim 22, changing the program for each screen reads on changing the language (column 9, lines 57-66 and column 12, lines 26-60).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7470. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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